

REMARKS

Claims 48 and 54-61 are currently pending in the application with entry of the present amendment. Claim 48 is amended herein, claims 49-53 are withdrawn, and claims 54-61 are added in order to more clearly describe embodiments of the invention. The amendments are made to more logically present the invention as claimed and to standardize the terminology used. These amendments introduce no new matter and support is replete in the application as originally filed. The amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of any previously claimed subject matter or agreement with any objection or rejection of record. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Support for the current modifications can be found in many instances in the application. For example, support for the current clarifications to claim 48 can be found, e.g., at page 12, lines 3-25 and page 88, lines 19-35. Support for claim 54 is found, e.g., at page 88, lines 33-35 and page 12, lines 19-23. Claim 55 can be supported by, e.g., the specification at page 89, lines 3-12 and by Figure 19. Claim 56 is supported by, e.g., page 93, lines 18-21, while claims 57 and 58 are supported by, e.g., page 28, lines 23-28. Support for claim 59 is found at, e.g., page 12, lines 10-14, page 89, lines 34-35 through page 90, lines 1-29, and previous claim 49. Claims 60 and 61 can be supported by, e.g., page 28, lines 23-28. Again, because the amended claims present no new matter, their entry is respectfully requested.

Additionally, the priority of the present application is amended herein based upon the priority of the current claims. A request for corrected filing receipt is filed herewith.

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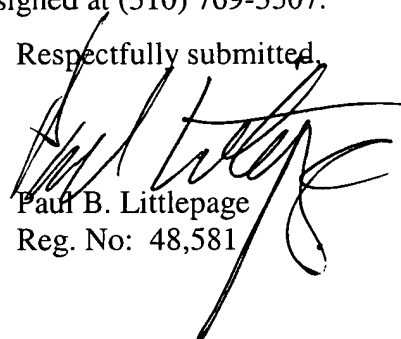
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3507.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) A Transmittal;
- 3) A Request for Corrected Filing Receipt; and,
- 4) A Receipt Indication Postcard.